

**COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8

A **meeting** of the **Committee on Justice and Public Safety**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, **May 9, 2011**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; ex-officios Mr. Daniel W. Davis, County Supervisor, Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4, Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, District No. 6, and Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; Ms. Elizabeth Cannon, Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Catherine Windham, Acting Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Steve Davis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Steve Davis: “First on the agenda is approval of the minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting. I’ll entertain a motion at this time.”

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ms. Leonitta Turner, Human Resources Director, re:

1. Service Director of the Year

Ms. Turner: “Good evening. Today, we are very proud to present awards to two of our employees that they won on April 16, 2011. I am going to ask first that Bob Mixter, who is our EMS Director, and Chris Esdorn come up. Chris is the one who coordinated the nominations, so I want him to move quickly to tell you what the nomination was about and how the award came about.”

Mr. Chris Esdorn: “Good evening. It’s a good day to be in Berkeley County. Each year, there is a list of awards that we can nominate certain individuals for, and I

thought it was long overdue for Bob Mixter to be nominated. He is definitely constructed an EMS System that we should all be proud of, and we wrote just that, and of course, he won the award. And, I can honestly say that it's a pleasure for me to work not only for ya'll, but for Bob too, because he really plants seeds in us, and we go out and do what we can for everybody in the County. I guess, the scope of the award would be – there's about 250 ambulance services in the State of South Carolina, and it fluctuates about 10 or so services depending upon seasons of the year and how well business does. Those people are definitely eligible who own and direct and stuff like that. I don't know how many were made. I know, Bob was one of two people that were being voted on, and Bob prevailed. So, if ya'll would give him a big round of applause. He deserves it."

[Applause]

Mr. Bob Mixter, Emergency Medical Services Director, "Now, you know, if I get a chance to talk in a mike, I'm gonna do it."

[Laughter]

Mr. Mixter: "First, let me say this. To be given an award for leadership, first of all a blessing, not only for me, but for your service. To be a good leader, you have to have good people to lead, and I can tell you, you have some of the finest people working for you across the state. These guys are very energetic, and they put up with some of my ravings to help improve our medical system. And, I would submit to you that we have the best medical system in the state, and the ladies and gentlemen who are sitting on the back row can attest to that. I push them hard, and they take it, and as a result, you have some of the best medical care in this state. Secondly, I want to identify my wife over there in the white. She puts up with her husband not being home as a result of me providing whatever direction I can, as well as assisting and responding. The truth is, it's the greatest job to have – leading people like this. So, you guys are awesome. Oh, and my mother-in-law – if I don't mention my mother-in-law..."

[Laughter]

Mr. Mixter: "...I could end up..."

Supervisor Daniel Davis: "That was close."

Mr. Mixter: "...in a chicken wing. Thank you, Kace."

[Laughter]

Chairman Steve Davis: "Bob, could you get those two lovely ladies to come stand by you, please?"

Mr. Mixter: "Yes, Sir; surely. Come on up. This is my wife. We've been married 25 years, by the way."

Mr. Pinckney: "Ah, that's a blessing."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Congratulations."

[Applause]

Committee Member Farley: "If you can hold on just a second, Bob, we'll get her a proclamation."

[Laughter]

Mr. Mixer: "I'm telling you, I am no easy man to live with."

Committee Member Call: "You should have mentioned mother-in-law first."

[Laughter]

Mr. Mixer: "Again, I appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Committee Member Farley: "Thank you."

[Applause]

Chairman Steve Davis: "Ms. Turner, before you go on, I just want to tell Bob that, really, I take my hat off to everyone in EMS. I think, when I say this, I say this for every Member on County Council. I truly can attest first hand. I have a mom who is 83 years of age. She lives out in the rural part of the County. And, you guys are just exceptional. It's priceless, the work that you do, and it's really satisfying to know that we have the Number One Director here in Berkeley County. So, thank you again; thank you very much."

Mr. Schurlknight: "Thank you, Bob."

[Applause]

Mr. Esdorn: "And that's also to add that we won the award for the Large System of the Year and the Peer Team of the Year, so this is one of three. And, of course, we have the telecommunicator here, so we're winning them."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Ok; thank you."

Mr. Pinckney: "You go, Berkeley County."

Mr. Schurlknight: "Great."

2. Telecommunicator of the Year

Ms. Turner: “In talking about the Telecommunicator of the Year, Cindy Hamer and Chris Esdorn, along with Susan Gosnell, Patricia, please come up, nominated Patricia Wadford. Even though we may have an excellent EMS System, you cannot have that if we did not have an excellent 911 System. Patricia is very shy. Getting a quote from her or getting her to come here was difficult, but I will tell you, we have a lot of turnover in Communications, so to have someone who stayed there since 2006 who has been faithful, we really appreciate it. We appreciate all that she has done for us, how faithful she has been with us, and we really do appreciate you. Thank you so much.”

[Applause]

Ms. Patricia Wadford: “Well, I’ve never been a good public speaker, but I do love my job, and it’s been an honor to receive this award. And, I work with awesome co-workers. They are like a second family to me, and it’s been an honor to receive this award. Thank you.”

[Applause]

Chairman Steve Davis: “I just want to say, again, Telecommunicator of the Year, we appreciate and are fortunate to have you, and I think I speak for every Member here on County Council. It’s just that ya’ll are the first line of defense. One of the shows that I watch all the time is ‘Forensic Files’, and everything starts with the telecommunicator. You do a tremendous job, and we thank you very, very much.”

[Applause]

Committee Member Call: “Mr. Davis, you get the continuing education credits for that.”

Chairman Steve Davis: “I will entertain a motion to adjourn.”

It was moved by Mr. Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Call to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

June 13, 2011

Date Approved

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Mr. Jack Schurlknight, District No. 6, ex officio
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, District No. 7, ex officio
Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2011**, at **6:03 p.m.**, following other scheduled committee meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2011

A. Ms. Leonitta Turner, Human Resources Director, Re:

- 1.** Service Director of the Year.
- 2.** Telecommunicator of the Year.

May 4, 2011
S/Catherine R. Windham
Acting Clerk of County Council